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SUBJECT: EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS 75 IN THE AEGEAN AND TURKISH THRACE

REF: A. USNATO 4079 NOTAL

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1. SINCE EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS IS SLATED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12, INDICMVAION BY THEODOROPOULOS (USNATO 4079) THAT GOG MAY OPPOSE SOME ASPECTS OF EXERCISE SUGGESTS THAT ALLIES SHOULD SEEK TO SMOKE OUT SOONEST ANY POSSIBLE GREEK OBJECTIONS SO THAT THEY MAY BE DEALT WITH IN TIMELY FASHION.

2. IN ORDER TO STIMULATE EARLY INITIAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATION OF THE EXERCISE IN THE DPC, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC) TO FORWARD TO THE DPC A TEXT OF THE PROPOSED EXERCISE PRESS RELEASE CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION IN MC. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND US MIL REP AWAITS WASHINGTON AUTHORI-  
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ZATION TO JOIN OHTER MC MEMBERS IN APPROVING PROPOSED TEXT FROM THE MILITARY POINT OF VIEW SO THAT IT MAY BE FORWARDED TONADPC. ACCORDINGLY, WE URGE EARLY AUTHORIZATION BY WASHINGTON FOR US MIL REP TO APPROVE EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS PRESS RELEASE.

3. WITH REGARD TO SUBSEQUENT DPC DISCUSSION OF THE PRESS RELEASE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO DEEP EXPRESS, WE WOULD PLAN, IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, TO MAINTAIN LOWEST POSSIBLE PROFILE, ALLOWING GREEK AND TURKISH VIEWS TO BE ADVANCED WITHOUT COMMENT. SINCE GREECE IS NOT IN DPC, WE ASSUME SYG WILL PRESENT VIEWS ON PRESS RELEASE TO DPC, OR THAT HE WILL CONVENE PRIVATE MEETING OF PERMREPETO DISCUSS GREEK CONCERNS. THEREAFTER, AND DEPENDING UPON POSITIONS EXPRESSED BY GREECE AND TURKEY, IT MAY PROVE PREFERABLE FOR US TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH MAJORITY VIEW THAT EMERGES IN COURSE OF CONSULTATION AMONG DPC ALLIES, AND THUS AVOID BEING ISOLATED IN SUPPORT OF EITHER GREEK OR TURKISH VIEWS. THE COST OF THIS COULD BE CANCELLATION OF THE EXERCISE IF THIS COURSE WERE SUPPORTED BY A DPC MAJORITY, BUT THIS COST MAY IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS BE LESS THAN THE POLITICAL COSTS WERE THE US TO TAKE THE LEAD IN SIDING WITH EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY.

4. IN ANY CASE, THE SOONER GREEK CONCERNS ARE SURFACED THE BETTER FROM THE STANDPOINT OF DEALING IN ORDERLY FASHION WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE GREEK RELUCTANCE TO CARRY ON WITH DEEP EXPRESS AS PLANNED. STREATOR

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